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SUBJ: MINISTER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND TOURISM INSISTS

BANNINGS TO STAY

REF: CAPE TOWN 223

1. SENATOR OWEN HORWOOD, MINISTER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND TOURISM, CHANCELLOR OF INDIAN UNIVERSITY OF DURBAN- WESTVILLE AND FORMER PRINCIPAL UNIVERSITY OF NATAL, SAID IN DURBAN 23 MARCH THERE NO POSSIBILITY OF RECENT STUDENT BANNINGS BEING RESCINDED. AT NATIONAL PARTY MEETING IN DURBAN SUBURB OF NEW GERMANY AND LATER IN INTERVIEW WITH " DAILY NEWS" HE STRESSED THAT EVEN IF ATTORNEY GENERAL COULD FIND NO GROUNDS FOR BRINGING CHARGES AGAINST BANNED NUSAS AND SASO LEADERSHIP, IT WOULD NOT CONSTITUTE " VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE" IN SCHLEBUSCH COMMISSION FINDS. " HE (ATTORNEY GENERAL) CANNOT OVERRULE WHAT HAS BEEN DONE. HE MAY DECIDE NOT TO PROSECUTE, BUT THIS WILL NOT AFFECT ACTION TAKEN IN TERMS OF EXISTING LAWS." REPORTEDLY TOLD NATIONAL PARTY MEETING STUDENTS WERE BANNED " BECAUSE THE GOVERNMENT'S GREATEST DUTY WAS TO MAINTAIN LAW AND ORDER". IN LIGHT OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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" RAMPANT TERRORISM" STATE SECURITY SHOULD TAKE PREFERENCE
OVER ALL OTHER CONSIDERATIONS. ACTION HAD RECEIVED " FANTASTIC"
SUPPORT , WHICH OVERSHADOWED OPPOSITION OF A FEW CRITICS.

2. WITH REFERENCE TO CAPE HE SMALL
DISORDER WHICH THEY CAUSED, I COULD HAVE ELIMINATED
THEM. LITTLE DUVALIER WOULD NEVER HESITATE TO CRUSH
TWO OR THREE VAGABONDS OF THIS SORT." ALL HAITIANS
WE HAVE SPOKEN TO UNDERSTAND LAST SENTENCES TO BE IN
THE CONDITIONAL. DUVALIER IS EXPLAINING HE COULD HAVE
ELIMINATED THE KIDNAPPERS IF HE WANTED TO, BUT CHOSE
NOT TO FOR " GOOD REASON" OF HIS OWN.
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